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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE TIMOR DEVELOPMENTS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE INDICATES  
SITUATION IN DILI AT STANDSTILL, WITH INDONESIAN RESCUE  
AND SUPPLY EFFORTS REBUFFED BY PORTUGUESE. GOP ENVOY  
SANTOS IS IN JAKARTA AND REPORTED MEETING WITH ACTING  
FONMIN AND OTHER GOI OFFICIALS. NO RESULTS OF MEETING  
YET AVAILABLE, AND SANTOS, WHO REPORTEDLY CARRYING NO  
SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR SUHARTO, MAY WELL NOT BE RECEIVED BY  
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SUHARTO. ACTING FONMIN TOLD AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR PRIOR

TO MEETING WITH SANTOS THAT GOI RECOGNIZES PORTUGUAL AS ONLY LEGITIMATE PORTUGUESE TIMOR (PT) GOVERNMENT AND IS PREPARED ASSIST RESTORING PEACE AND ORDER AND REINSTATING PT GOVERNOR PIRES BUT EXPECTS GOP IN TURN TO ADHERE TO PREVIOUS GOI-GOP MACAO AGREEMENT RE PT. MOVEMENT OF GOI FORCES TO FORWARD POSITIONS MEANTIME CONTINUES. DESPITE CONTINGENCY MOVES AND EVIDENCE THAT GOI PATIENCE WITH GOP AND PT STALEMATE MAY BE WEARING THIN, ULTIMATE GOI DECISION REMAINS IN HANDS OF SUHARTO. END SUMMARY.

1. BASED ON CONVERSATIONS AUG 29 WITH HANKAM INTELLIGENCE CHIEF MURDANI, ALI MURTOPO AIDE HARRY TJAN, AND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, FOLLOWING IS BEST PICTURE AVAILABLE OF CURRENT STATUS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN DILI AND JAKARTA.

2. INDONESIA DE MONGINSIDI ENTERED DILI HARBOR AUG 27 TO ASSIST IN REFUGEE EVACUATION, BUT WAS PULLED OUT OF HARBOR BY GOI SHORTLY THEREAFTER ON BASIS MESSAGE FROM GOP CANCELLING PREVIOUS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH REFUGEES. GOI CONSUL AT DILI (TOMODOK) NOW ON SHIP, WHICH ACCORDING TO MURDANI IS ENTERING HARBOR EACH MORNING AND LEAVING AGAIN BEFORE NIGHTFALL.

3. MURDANI STATED INDONESIANS PREPARED TO DELIVER 60 TONS RICE TO DILI POPULACE, BUT ONLY IF PERMITTED MAKE DISTRIBUTION UNDER PROTECTION OF INDONSIAN POLICE (TO BE LANDED FROM SHIP), WHICH GOP AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT GRANT. MURDANI ALSO STATED THT AMONG REFUGEES IN DILI ARE 100-110 WITH CLAIM ON INDONESIAN CITIZENSHIP FOR WHOM GOI FEELS RESPONSIBLE.

4. TJAN INDICATED TO EMBOFF THAT GOP REVERSAL OF REQUEST FOR GOI ASSISTANCE IN REFUGEE EVACUATION TAKEN BY INDONESIANS AS INSULTING. TJAN ALSO EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT CANCELLATION OF PORTUGUESE REQUEST FOLLOWING EVACUATION OF LEMOS PIRES AND REMINING PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS INDICATES PORTUGUESE CONCERN ONLY OVER FOREIGNERS IN DILI AND CALLOUS LACK OF CONCERN OVER SUFFERING OF NATIVE POPULATION.

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5. GOP SPECIAL ENVOY ALMEIDA SANTOS ARRIVED JAKARTA EVENING AUG 28. HE MET WITH ACTING FONMIN (MINJUSTICE) MOCHTAR MIDDAY AUG 29, AND AS OF 1430 LOCAL WAS REPORTED TO BE PARTICIPATING IN LARGER MEETING CHAIRED BY MOCHTAR AND INCLUDING MURDANI AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHERFONOFF OFFICIALS. MURDANI STATED GOP HAD INFORMED GOI THAT SANTOS HAS "FULL MANDATE" TO NEGOTIATE OVER PT AS DEMANDED BY INDONESIANS, BUT NOT CLEAR WHETHER SANTOS "MANDATE"

INCLUDES AUTHORITY TO REQUEST INDONESIAN INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF GOP. SANTOS REPORTEDLY NOT CARRYING ANY SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT TO SUHARTO, AND IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT SANTOS WILL BE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT SUHARTO. SUHARTO REPORTED TO BE OUT OF JAKARTA AUG 29 IN ANY EVENT, WITH PRESS SOURCES STATING SUHARTO SAID TO BE ON PILGRIMAGE TO FAMILY GRAVES IN SOLO REGION OF CENTRAL JAVA.

6. ACCORDING AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF, IN MEETING BETWEEN MOCHTAR AND AUSTRALIAN AMB WOOLCOTT MORNING AUG 29 (BEFORE MOCHTAR MET WITH SANTOS), MOCHTAR STRESSED FIVE POINTS:

A. INDONESIA CONTINUES TO RECOGNIZE PORTUGAL AS ONLY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT IN PT AND GOVERNOR PIRES AS PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE.

B. FIF AND WHEN GOP MAKES REQUEST, INDONESIA IS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN RESTORING PEACE AND ORDER AND IN REINSTATING PIRES.

C. INDONESIAN FORCES SHOULD BE UNDER INDONESIAN COMMAND, LTHOUGH GOI WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEE SOME JOINT INDONESIAN-PORTUGUESE "PLITICAL" DIRECTION.

D. ONCE ORDER IS RE-ESTABLISHED, INDONESIA WOULD EXPECT STRICT AND SCRUPULOUS ADHERENCE TO THE GOI-GOP MACAO AGREEMENT.

E. COST OF OPERATIONS SHOULD NOT BE BORNE BY INDONESIA. MOCHTAR ADDED THAT IF THIS BECAME A STICKY POINT INDONESIA WOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE POSITION THAT  
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COST SHOULD NOT BE ENTIRELY BORNE BY INDONESIA.

7. MOCHTAR CONCLUDED THAT HIS JOB IS TO CONVINCE SANTOS INDONESIA ONLY WISHES TO BE OF ASSISTANCE. IN EVENT GOP SHOULD REQUEST INDONESIAN INTERVENTION, INDONESIAN SOURCES AGREE THAT UN PRESENCE (POSSIBLY REPRESENTING COMMITTEE OF 24) WOULD BE ADVISABLE AT SOME STAGE, BUT CHANCES OF IMMEDIATE UN PARTICIPATION DEEMED LESS LIKELY. TJAN OPINED THAT GOI WOULD NOT DESIRE EARLY UN PRESENCE ON GROUNDS THIS WOULD IMPLY DISTRUST BY UN OR GOP OF INDONESIAN GOODWILL AND INTENTIONS.

8. PRESS SOURCES AUG 29 HAVE REPORTED MOVEMENT OF INDONESIAN FORCES (THOUGH NOT C-130'S) EASTWARD FROM JAKARTA. GOI FLEET COMMAND SHIP ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE

DEPARTED SURABAYA BUT TO BE HOLDING IN AREA OF BALI.  
TJAN STATED MILITARY EXERCISE HAD BEEN DUE TO  
TAKE PLACE IN EASTEN ISLANDS AT APPROXIMATELY THIS TIME,  
BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MOVEMENTS COULD ALSO BE PREPAARATORY  
STEPS "IN EVENT GOI ASKED TO INTERVENE IN PT"

9. COMMENT: TONE AND IMPLICATIONS OF CONVERSATIONS  
WITH GOI OFFICIALS SUGGEST INDONESIAN PATIENCE WITH  
CONTINUING STALEMATE OVER PT MAY BE WEARING THIN, AND  
THAT ADVOCATES OF UNILATERAL GOI INTERVENTION GAINING  
STRENGTH. POSITION OF SUHARTO CLEARLY CURCIAL,  
HOWEVER, AND WE HAVE SEEN NO INDICATIONS YET OF CHANGE  
IN SUHARTO DETERMINATION NOT TO MOVE UNLESS ASKED TO  
DO SO. SUHARTO TRIP TO SOLO (IF IN FACT THAT IS WHERE  
HE IS) WILL REINFORCE SPECULATION THAT SUHARTO TAKING  
ESSENTIALLY MYSTICAL APPROACH TO TIMING OF PT DECISION S--  
COMMUNING WITH SPIRITS OF ANCESTORS IN TRADITINAL  
JAVANESE FASHION, ETC. SUHARTO KNOWN, HOWEVER, BOTH FOR  
GREAT SENSITIVITY TO PERCEIVED SLIGHTS AND FOR ABILITY  
TAKE VERY FIRM DECISIONS ON SHORT NOTICE, AND IS THEREFORE  
IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT THAT COMBINATION OF DEVELOPING  
SITUATION ON GROUND, ADVICE OF HIS MILITARY ASSOCIATES,  
AND CONTINUED IMPOTENCE AND INDECISION OF GOP MAY NOT  
CAUSE SUHARTO TO REVVERSE HIS PREVIOUS STANCE VIS-A-VIS  
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